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Construction of a weir across Nannai odai.

* 97 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of a resolution from the Valibar Seerthirutha Manram, Kallai, Perambalur taluk, regarding the construction of a weir across Nannai odai in Vedakkalur firka, Perambalur taluk; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) No resolution was received by the Government. But a copy of the resolution was received by the Executive Engineer, Tiruchirappalli Division, in May 1953. On examination, the proposal was found not feasible since it was estimated to cost about Rs. 2 lakhs and there would not be sufficient supplies available in the *odai* for the scheme. Hence, the matter was not pursued further."

Village munsifs paid by the Government.

* 98 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many village munsifs are paid by the Government in the State; and

(*b*) how many of them belong to the Harijan community?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
" (*a*) 24,535.
" (*b*) 32."

Sri A. RATNAM:—" கிராம முனிசிபுகளாக வருவதற்கு ஏற்ற தகுதி, திறமை போன்ற யோக்கியதாம்சங்கள் என்னென்ன ? தகுதியும், திறமையுமுள்ள தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட மக்கள் ஏன் கிராம முனிசிபுகளாக வருவதற்கு சர்க்கார் தக்க ஏற்பாடுகளைச் செய்யக்கூடாது ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Where the hereditary system prevails, only members of that family can be appointed. In addition to the hereditary claim, a certain test has to be passed."

* 99 *Q.*—

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" This question may be taken up tomorrow, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER:—" This question will be taken up tomorrow."

Grant of permits to the Emerald and Company for acquiring iron and steel.

* 100 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the total number of permits granted for iron and steel and the actual quantity of iron and steel given to the Emerald and Company, Iron and Steel Merchants, for the period from 1st April 1952 to 30th June 1953 and out of the above the quantity allotted for fabrication purposes during the abovesaid period?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (1) No permits were issued to Sri Emerald & Co., for acquiring Iron and Steel for the period from 1st April 1952 to 30th June 1953 or before. The question, therefore, of any allotment for fabrication purposes, does not arise.

(2) Sri Emerald & Co., however approached this Government in February 1953 for recommending their case to the Controller of Stores for allotting to them a quantity of about 5,000 tons of scrap on top priority from the Railway Stores at Perambur and Golden Rock. This Government recommended their case for allotment on high priority. But, subsequently, it was understood that the materials were controlled categories and the Government therefore cancelled their recommendation and informed the Controller of Stores that, if the materials were controlled, they should be allotted to Controlled Scrap Stockists and if they were not, they should be allotted to anyone who was eligible for them under the instructions of the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta. The Iron and Steel Controller, has since allotted the materials to the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi.

(3) The Controller of Stores has since informed the Director of Controlled Commodities, Madras, that a quantity of 1,333 tons of cast iron scrap pot sleepers broken or complete had been allotted to Sri Emerald & Co., by June 1953. Since there is no distribution control over cast iron scrap, no permits are necessary for acquiring them."

Announcement re. *afternoon session.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over. I wish to make an announcement to the House. The afternoon session will hereafter be from 3 p.m. to 5-30 p.m. instead of from 2-30 p.m. to 5 p.m. 12-10 p.m.

" The general discussion on the Budget will now commence. I fix a time-limit of 15 minutes for the speech of each hon. Member."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE SECOND SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR 1953–54.

* SRI K. T. RAJU :—" கனம் சபா நாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த அரை வருஷத்திற்கு கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் பட்ஜட்டை சமர்ப்பித்து சபையிலே நிகழ்த்திய பிரசங்கத்தில் சர்க்காருடைய கொள்கையை நிர்ணயிக்கக்கூடிய பட்ஜட் அல்ல ; பிப்ரவரி மாத கடைசியில் மறுபடியும் முழு வருஷத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பிக்கபடுகிற காலத்தில் சர்க்காருடைய கொள்கையை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளலாம் என்று கருதி இப்பொழுது தற்காலிகமாக சமர்ப்பித்திருக்கிறார். ஏற்கனவே இந்த அரை வருஷ பட்ஜட்டில் பெரும் பகுதி செலவழித்தாகிவிட்டது. இன்னும் கொஞ்சம் பணம் தான் செலவழிக்க